VENONA



USSR

Ref. No: 3/NBF/T271 (of

10/12/1952)

Issued:

17/4/78

Copy No: 301

3RD REISSUE

DISCUSSION OF AGENTS AND CONTROLLERS: INCLUDING RELE, PREVENTED BY PHYSICAL DISABILITY FROM BECOMING GROUP LEADER, AND AVTOR (1944)

From:

NEW YORK

To:

MOSCOW

No:

943

4 July 1944

To VIKTOR[i].

[73 groups unrecoverable]

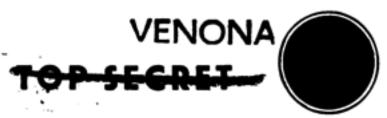
moreover RYBOLOV[ii] [and] NINA[iii] will be handed over to RELE[iv] who has been introduced to KALISTRAT[v]. Concerning MASTER[vi] see our No 483[vii]. Your proposal to make RELE group leader for RYBOLOV, MASTER [4 groups unrecovered] is impracticable. RELE is disabled [and] has an artificial leg[viii]. Frequent trips are difficult for him. He lives in the PHILADELPHIA area.

3) ARSENIJ[ix] he will control [2 groups unrecovered], ShTAMP[x], ShPONKA[xi], MAKOV (PROBKA)[xii], EMULSIYa[xiii], BRAT[xiv]. It goes without saying that [C% he is in close touch with] AVTOR[xv]. We shall inform you of the possibilities of handing over ARSENIJ's people to EMULSIYa's control. TVEN[xvi] controls the following PROBATIONERS[STAZHERY][xvii] [9 groups unrecovered]. RELE

[Continued overleaf]

3/NBF/T271, 3rd Reissue [3 pages] AJV

 $k \cap \Gamma$



VENONA



3/NBF/T271, 3rd Reissue

[17 groups unrecovered]

MAKSIM[xviii][,] BAS[xix], S-1[xx]

[25 groups unrecovered]

No 522

MAJ[xxi]

Footnotes: [i] VIKTOR:

Lt General Pavel Mikhajlovich FITIN.

[ii] RYBOLOV:

ie "FISHERMAN" or "OSPREY"; later [C% BLOK/GE....] and KIN ie "KEEN"; unidentified covername. Also occurs in NEW YORK's Nos 1052 of 26 July 1944 (3/NBF/T291), 1251 of 2 September 1944 (T301), 1403 of 5 October 1944 (T302) and 1661 of 28 November 1944 (T423).

[iii] NINA:

Unidentified covername. Probably not identical with the NINA who occurs in NEW YORK's Nos 1275 of 7 September 1944 (3/NBF/T277), 1504 of 21 October 1944 (T167) and 1717 of 6 December 1944 (T246).

[iv] RELE:

ie "RELAY"; later SERB; unidentified covername. Also occurs in NEW YORK's Nos 976 of 11 July 1944 (3/NEF/T1108), 1251 of 2 September 1944 (T301) and 50 of 11 January 1945 (T306).

[v] KALISTRAT:

ie "CALISTRATUS"; Aleksendr.Semenovich FOMIN, clerk in the Soviet Consulate-General, NEW YORK.

[vi] MASTER:

ie "MASTER-CRAFTSMAN"; Charles Bradford SHEPPARD, radio engineer with the Hazeltine Electronics Corporation, LITTLE NECK, NEW YORK.

[vii] NEW YORK's external No 886 of 22 June 1944 (3/NBF/T2060).

[viii] Or "foot".

[ix] ARSENIJ:

Andrej Ivanovich ShEVChENKO, Soviet representative at the Bell Aircraft Corporation, BUFFALO,

NEW YORK.

Shtamp: [x]

ie "STAMP"; later BRONYa, ie "ARMOUR"; possibly Bell Aircraft Corporation, BUFFALO, NEW YORK.



VENONA

TO BE HANDLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH IRSIG



3

3/NBF/T271, 3rd Reissue

Footnotes

Continued: [xi] ShPONKA:

ie "SPLINE"; later ShUM, ie "NOISE";

[xii] MAKOV (PROBKA): Former covername PROBKA, ie "CORK"; later covername NEMO; William PINSLY, employee of the CURTIS-WRIGHT Corporation, WILLIAMS-

VILLE, NEW YORK.

ie "EMULSION"; later SIGNAL; unidentified [xiii] MUL'SIYa:

covername. Also occurs in NEW YORK's Nos 651 of 9 May 1944 (3/NEF/T441), 972 of 11 July 1944 (T504) and 1403 of 5 October 1944 (T302).

ie "BROTHER"; later TOMAS; unidentified [xiv] BRAT:

covername. Also occurs in NEW YORK's Nos 1403 of 15 October 1944 (3/NBF/T302) and 1559 of

6 November 1944 (T468).

[xv] AVTOR: ie "AUTHOR"; Vladimir Borisovich MORKOVIN,

research aerodynamicist at the Bell Aircraft

Corporation, NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK.

[xvi] TVEN: ie "TWAIN"; Somen Markovich SEMEMOV, Senior

official of AMTORG/Soviet Government Pur-

chasing Commission.

[xvii] PROBATIONERS: Agents.

Vasilij Mikhajlovich ZUBILIN, 2nd Secretary, [xviii] MAKSIM:

Soviet Embassy, WASHINGTON DC.

[xix] BAS: ie "BASS"; formerly TENOR; Michael W. BURD,

of the Midland Export Corporation, NEW YORK.

[xx] S-1: Probably Herman R. JACOBSON, of the Avery

Manufacturing Co, NEW YORK.

ie "MAY"; Stepan Zakharovich APRESYAN, [xxi] MAJ:

Soviet Vice-Consul, NEW YORK.

